

**A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday March 9, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road, Jamestown, RI.**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.**

**Members Present:**

**David A. Darlington, Chairman**

**Stephen C. Waluk**

**Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman**

**Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT**

**Members Absent:**

**Arthur H. Fletcher**

**Invited Guests:**

**Buddy Croft, Executive Director**

**Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO**

**Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering**

**Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations**

**Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance**

**Kathryn O'Connor, EZ-Pass Supervisor**

**JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant**

**Bernard A. Jackvony, Legal Counsel**

**Item No. 2**

**No public comments were made.**

**Item No. 3**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting.**

**Item No. 4**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:**

**Adler Pollock & Sheehan**

**Professional Services for the months of December and January**

**\$ 3,633.75**

**Item No. 5**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:**

**Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux**

**Professional Services for the months of January and February**

**\$34,234.03**

**Item No. 6**

**Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to ratify:**

**Requisition #6 – Construction Payments – Series 2010A Bond Proceeds:**

**Abhe & Svoboda – Steel Repairs & Painting \$ 178,070.60**

**Keville Enterprises – Construction Inspection 17,919.00**

**PB Americas – Engineering Services \$ 28,549.83**

**Total \$ 224,539.43**

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**Item No. 7**

**Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk,  
passed unanimously to ratify:**

**Aetna Bridge Company – Newport/Pell Deck Repairs**

**Application No. 22 \$ 7,336.31**

**Final Payment No. 19 Contract 05-6 3,056.27**

**Total \$ 10,392.58**

**Item No. 8**

**Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk,  
passed unanimously to ratify:**

**Burgin Lambert Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge**

**Invoice No. 01006.00-0000007 \$ 7,000.00**

**Invoice No. 01006.00-0000008 5,724.00**

**Total \$ 12,724.00**

**Item No. 9**

**Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk,**

**passed unanimously to ratify:**

**Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. – Mt. Hope Bridge**

**Deck CSS Contractor submittal Review and Deck CSS Other**

**Bill No. 42     \$    1,912.03**

**Bill No. 43            3,615.76**

**Bill No. 44            1,771.69**

**Contract 08-1 CSS**

**Bill No. 24            666.47**

**Bill No. 25            4,706.54**

**Bill No. 26            7,629.04**

**Contract 09-7CSS**

**Bill No. 2            22,886.75**

**Bill No. 3            8,100.57**

**Bill No. 4            12,818.18**

**Contract 10-11 Design**

**Bill No. 2            25,103.30**

**Bill No. 3            15,971.53            Bill No. 4            5,349.75**

**Total \$ 110,531.61**

**Item No. 10**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino passed unanimously by resolution to approve the Aquidneck Island Transportation Study to create a master plan for, among other things, capital improvements affecting access improvements to the Claiborne Pell Bridge.**

**Peter M. Janaros, PE reported to the Board on the eight (8) year**

**study. Bob Smith made a presentation. Michael P. Lewis said the plan meets objectives for the city of Newport and the RITBA.**

**Item No. 11**

**Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously by resolution to approve and award Keville Enterprises Inc. Proposal Mt Hope Bridge On-Call Maintenance Structural Steel Inspection Contract No. 09-7 in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.**

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**Item No. 12**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously by resolution to approve and award Contract No. 11-3 Public Information and Marketing Services to the RDW Group.**

**Buddy Croft reported that three (3) bids were received (1) RDW Group, (2) Media Peel and (3) Frank Wilson. It was the unanimous recommendation of the committee that RDW be selected. The contract will be for a period of two years with an additional two (2) one (1) year mutually optional extensions.**

### **Item No. 13**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously by resolution to approve Eident Sports Marketing to use the Claiborne Pell Bridge for the “Inaugural Pell Bridge Newport Run on November 13, 2011, from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.**

**Buddy Croft reported on the safety and traffic pattern, bridge preparation, liability, law enforcement and EMS concerns. Richard P. Eannarino expressed parking concerns. Buddy Croft said that buses and additional support from Newport and Jamestown Police Departments. David A. Darlington said Eident is a for profit company that has 3-4 charities to choose from and are planning to donate to. Stephen C. Waluk proposed that a policy be drafted and events be reviewed by the Board. Two thousand (2,000) participants are expected to run.**

### **Item No. 14**

**Motion by Richard P. Eanarrino, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed 2 to 1 by resolution to approve Burgin Lambert Architects, Inc. renderings and final layout of the RITBA facilities. Stephen C. Waluk voted nay. A presentation was given by Architect William Burgin on the renovation of the headquarters building. Mr. Burgin interviewed the RITBA staff and meet with state building officials which are the administrative body regarding building approval. Stephen C. Waluk questioned the cost and time line of the \$1.7 million expenditure. Mr. Burgin said it would be refined as they progress and timing would be a one (1) year construction period. David A.**

**Darlington said there would also be a cost for furnishing. Michael P. Lewis suggested we have a targeted budget. David A. Darlington felt we should have two (2) phases, one for construction and one for outfitting. Michael P. Lewis said the new building will be a positive gateway.**

#### **Item No. 15**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously by resolution to approve Open Road Tolling study on the Newport/Pell Bridge. Buddy Croft and David Darlington explained open road tolling as an expansion of E-ZPass. Michael P. Lewis said it is about the service and need to keep up with technology. David A. Darlington said we may need legislative changes.**

#### **Item No. 16**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed to amend the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission request of \$40,000 to help fund their efforts in the planning process on the transportation needs for all Aquidneck Island to \$25,000. Buddy Croft explained that RI Department of Transportation has paid for the planning with Federal Funds. Michael P. Lewis said the report will be relevant for decades to come.**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed 2 to 1 to approve the amended resolution of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission request to \$25,000. Richard P. Eannarino voted nay.**

## **Item No. 17**

**The Board discussed the potential legislation revision regarding unpaid tolls. The Authority desires to modify the RIGL further to update certain provisions for the efficient collection of unpaid tolls by the Authority. Buddy Croft said we may need to fine tune the statute and in particular for the enforcement of fines.**

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## **Item No. 18**

**Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve the extension of ACS Contract. The Authority has a three (3) year Contract with ACS to administer the back office with the potential of two (2) one year extension options. The Board voted to exercise the first option and extend the Contract into a fourth year.**

## **Item No. 19**

**Chairman's Report – David A. Darlington**

- Tolling of roads and how it may become more prevalent**

## **Item No. 20**

## **Executive Director's Report – Buddy Croft**

**1/26 IAG Interoperability Survey**

**1/28 IAG Conference Call**

**1/31 Abhe Progress Mtg.**

**1/31 EMA Conference Call**

**2/1 Senior Staff**

**2/3 Eident Sports**

**2/3 RIPEC**

**2/4 Governor Chafee**

**2/7 Jay Johns / Marianne Hillier**

**2/8 RWU Re: Lease**

**2/8 Senior Staff**

**2/9 Legislative Luncheon**

**2/10 RDW**

**2/10 State Senate**

**2/11 Union Grievance**

**2/11 Paul Muzzey**

**2/11 RIPEC**

**2/11 IAG Procurement Conference Call**

**2/14 Senior Staff**

**2/28 Senior Staff**

**3/1 Eident Sports**

**3/1 RDW**

**3/1 Majority Leader Mattiello**

**3/2 Marketing Interviews**

**3/2 Abhe Progress Mtg.**

**3/3 Senior Staff**

**3/3 Park Row / Terry Fleming**

**3/4 Meridien**

**3/4 Telvent / Paul Muzzey**

**3/7 & 3/8 Legislative Conference - DC**

**Item No. 21**

**Finance Report – Nancy E. Parrillo**

**- 12.2% increase in revenue for 2010**

**- Cash – 18-20% - Still going down**

**- Sold 110,000 transponders and have 76,000 accounts with 40 new per day**

**Item No. 22**

**Before the Director of Engineering gave his report David A. Darlington asked about the condition of the road deck on the Newport/Pell Bridge.**

**Engineering Report – Peter M. Janaros, PE**

**Newport/Pell Bridge**

**• Ten Year Plan Implementation - Ongoing - Update fir Board by May / June**

**• 09-1 Steel Repairs / Painting - Original Bids opened Feb. 22, 2010 - Per direction of Board Re-Bid Apri120, 2010- Awarded May 17, 2010 - Mobilization Underway/Abrasive Blasting and painting started -**

**ongoing**

- **08-4 Deck Repairs / Seal Replacements: By Aetna ongoing – start in summer**
- **Inspection: FCM Inspection by PB - Report received / Revised / Awaiting Final**
- **ELUR - ready to close out with DEM – ATC finalize**
- **First Responder Training w/ Newport Fire Department planned for this spring**
- **Ramp Project: Awaiting Newport's endorsement: New Option Pending: RIDOT will provide details in March meeting**
- **Studies status - Median Barrier .... Wind study ongoing; some structural limitation needs to be studied further for high winds.**
- **Testing Wind Tunnel in April**

**West approach pavement; ready for design - Deck evaluation; ongoing**

- **Administration Bldg. AIE services - Schematic Phase and Scope of work development ongoing – Draft floor plan in March**

**Mt. Hope Bridge**

- **Ten Year Plan implementation - Ongoing - Update by May**
- **08-1 Tower Pier Rehab: Project Closeout: Extra cost notification by Contractor denied – No response**
- **10-11 Design of North approach Steel Repairs & Painting ongoing – Bid this Summer**
- **Inspection by Modjeski & Masters for FCM / In-Depth Inspection this Fall; awaiting report – under review**
- **Award to Aetna Bridge 09-7 On Call Maintenance Contract: Aetna**

**Contract Legal Review - work this Fall on Deck / Steel Repairs ongoing**

- **Ammann & Whitney Contract**

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**Item No. 23**

**Operations Report – Marianne Hillier**

**- Still a lot of cash payers going into E-ZPass Lanes**

**Item No. 24**

**Executive Session**

**Motions by, Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by, Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel Matters, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) Potential Litigation, and Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3) Security Matters at 9:50 A.M.**

**Motion by Richard Eannarino, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.**

**Buddy Croft**

**Secretary**